

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 10/668,317

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Applicants follow the paragraphing of the Examiner.

Paragraph 2

The Title of the Examiner is adopted.

Paragraph 3a.

The specification is amended as the Examiner suggested.

Paragraph 3b.

Claims 18 and 20 are amended as the Examiner suggested.

Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is requested.

Paragraph 5

In claims 18 and 20 M represents an alkaline earth metal and M' represents Ca, Mg or combination thereof.

Elements (b) and (d) in claims 18 and 20 are amended to reflect this.

Withdrawal is requested.

Paragraph 6

Applicants follow the Examiner's first suggestion and rewrite "iron sulfide mixture" as "iron sulfide composition".

Paragraph 7

Applicants amend claims 36 and 37 to read like claim 35 but depend from claims 21 and 22, respectively.

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Withdrawal of all rejections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter D. Olexy', written over a horizontal line.

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